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Seems like a sign
  I done him some hurt,
When I whipped from his line
  Quilty's white shirt.

Me heart wouldn't crack—
  But the spell would break
If I took it back
  As a little mistake.

Still . . . I'm no debtor
  To a bit of light froth:
Maybe 'twould be better
  To crush the White Moth!

THE GENTLE HOUSEWIFE

There's the first white butterfly dancing abroad!
There are wild wind-flowers dotting the sward;
There are wild green breakers combing the bay;
There's a red ferret darting over the way!

But I am chiding the children for being so wild;
I am chiding the nurse for chiding the child;
I am careful to lay down tea-leaves in the hall;
I am gazing at that spot of mildew on the wall—
And my heart is breaking, breaking,
With the hatred of it all!

Rosamond Langbridge